

OTOE COUNTY COURT HOUSE
NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA.

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This is the oldest existing public building in Nebraska, designed and used continuously for a court house. The contract for its erection was let August 13th, 1864 to W. R. Craig and O. M. Wood for \$22,500. To this was later added \$1,500 for tree planting and for a terrace retaining wall which has since been removed. The construction was superintended by Oliver Sherman, one of the County Commissioners of that time. The basement walls are rubble stone with rough ashlar facing. All other exterior walls are of native brick; the facing being hand-made sand-mold of excellent quality and form. The basement has always been used as the county jail, and one period of residence there seems to satisfy most offenders.

Charles Steinbaugh